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SUBJECT: DENTAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL (DHI) - EVALUATION

REF: STATE 110287

FOR:REDSO/EA

1. REFTEL REPEATED TO NAIROBI AND PROVIDES BACKGROUND ON SUBJECT PROJECT. BRIEFLY, OPERATIONAL GRANT PROVIDED BY AID TO DHI JUNE 27, 1975 FOR ESTABLISHING PILOT DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES IN CAMEROON, LESOTHO AND RWANDA. EVALUATION REQUIRED DURING FIRST YEAR OF PROJECT TO DETERMINE PROVISION FY77 AND 78 FUNDS. EVALUATION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY, 1976.

2. AID/W HAS OBTAINED SERVICES OF DR ROBERT MECKLENBERG, HEW, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DENTIST, FOR TECHNICAL EVALUATION THIS PROJECT. MECKLENBERG DOES NOT SPEAK FRENCH BUT HAS 19 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH RURAL INDIAN POPULATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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DENTAL SITUATIONS SIMILAR TO DHI PROJECT ACTIVITY IN RWANDA

HE PLANS ARRIVE NAIROBI FROM MASERU FEB 22 AT 3:35 PM VIA
OA 104. PLANS DEPART FOR KIGALI FEB 24 AT 8:45 AM VIA
EC 963.

3. AID/W BELIEVES AID FIELD INPUT DESIRABLE AND REQUESTS
WHETHER REDSO/EA CAN PROVIDE OFFICER E.G. WAYNE KAIN OR
OTHER SUITABLE STAFF TO ACCOMPANY MECKLENBERG AS AID
MEMBER OF EVALUATION TEAM IN RWANDA. ESTIMATE ONLY THREE
DAYS REQUIRED TO INSPECT PROJECT ACTIVITIES IN FOUR RURAL
MISSIONARY HOSPITALS. WILL POUCH DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK
OF EVALUATION FOR GUIDANCE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER REDSO/EA CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
IN EVALUATION. FYI - MECKLENBERG WILL HAVE HAD THOROUGH
BRIEFING ON COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE OF WORK HERE AID/W AND
WILL HAVE DISCUSSED PROJECT OBJECTIVES WITH SIMMONS AT
ATHENS, GA., HEADQUARTERS OF DHI. ALSO HE WILL HAVE
COMPLETED EVALUATIONS IN CAMEROON AND LESOTHO. KISSINGER

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